

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-7 (previously canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claims 10-14 (previously canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claims 17-18 (previously canceled)

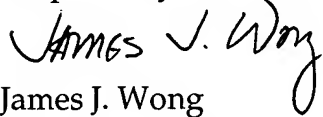
Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new)      An isolated hOAT polypeptide which (1) is at least about 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 2, (2) is capable of (i) transporting organic ions and/or (ii) substantial cross-reaction with an antibody raised against hOAT having the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 2, and (3) is not rat OAT1 or murine NKT.

Claim 21 (new)      The polypeptide of Claim 20 having the hOAT amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NO. 2.

Applicants believe that no extension of term or other fees are required. If, however, any extension or fee is required, please charge Account No. 07-1250.

Respectfully submitted,



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